

SAATAEC Meeting Minutes for 1-5-2012

President Ronnie Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. He then asked Edd Lipscomb to lead the group in prayer. President Carroll then introduced a visitor, Mr. Ed Peacock of Fairhope, AL. Ronnie then asked the former Club Treasurer Mike Coburn to read the Treasury report. Mike stated that on November 30, 2011 the bank balance was \$6440.38 and during December receipts were \$387.00, while expenses were \$1531.45, leaving a balance of \$5295.93 on December 31, 2011. Mike then pointed out some of the larger expenses, such as \$500.00 for new raffle tractor purchase, \$226.87 for secretary expenses, \$274.00 for parade decoration expenses, \$100.00 2nd place raffle prize for 2011 Raffle and \$100.00 honorarium for the Christmas Party Band. He noted that we still have \$37.00 in the cash box. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

President Carroll then asked Club Secretary, Ken Frost to read the minutes for the last meeting. The secretary then read the minutes. There was no discussion and a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion carried. The Vice President, John Flowers stated that he had nothing new to report. President Carroll mentioned that the State Department of Agriculture was trying to get a Farm Expo started in Montgomery and wanted our club to be part of it.

President Carroll then mentioned our first event for 2012 would be the Oak Hollow Farm Chili Cook-Off on February 25th. He then mentioned that as soon as possible, he was going to get the Board together to set the schedule for the rest of the year's events. At this time, President Carroll announced he would reappoint Richard Carrier as Safety Director and appoint Jon LaPointe as a second Safety Director. Ronnie added that the Club needs to stress safety more and that was why he felt we needed more than one Safety Director. He also said that all of us need to pay more attention to what the Safety Directors tell us! Ronnie said he would ask the Board of Directors to put some teeth in the safety rules to prevent accidents, which will help prevent us from losing our EDGETA insurance coverage. He said that perhaps we will have to fine members to get them to conform to the safety rules.

President Carroll mentioned that some members would like to move the Plow Day event off the Memorial Day weekend. George Underwood felt that we would need to talk to the Griffiths who are growing the grain crop on the land used at Plow Day. Other members mentioned weather, soil moisture and grain maturity would all be factors in picking the Plow Day date. Following this discussion, Ronnie Carroll talked about how important the various demonstrations are at shows. He cited corn shelling & grinding, cane grinding, water pumping and blacksmithing as examples. Ronnie then mentioned that we need to expand on our demonstrations. Freddie Stewart said that he could demonstrate the use of a 2 man crosscut saw at some of our shows.

At this time it was brought out that Sonny Hankins wanted to move our Fair Exhibit to a more highly visible area on the Fairgrounds at Robertsdale, making us more dominant at the Fair. President Carroll also mentioned that The Harbor Heritage Days Festival management has now changed to the same as the Hot Air Balloon Festival. He further said that he didn't know if this was a good thing or not.

Warren Davis offered an update on the 2012 Raffle tractor, stating that hood had been painted. At this time it was decided that we should open our meetings with a "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." Ronnie reminded all of us to get our dues paid ASAP and that they are \$25 per year. Being there was

no further business to discuss; a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. We adjourned at 8 PM. Attendance was 39.

A very short board meeting was held at 8:05 PM and Lloyd Dillon was reelected Chairman of the Board.

Ken Frost
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